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WASHINGTON, FEB. 1 (AP)--NEW PRESSURE FOR A CONGRESSIONAL WATCHDOG COMMITTEE TO SUPERVISE THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY WAS PREDICTED TODAY FOLLOWING APPROVAL OF JOHN A. MCCONE AS ITS DIRECTOR.

MCCONE, WEALTHY LOS ANGELES INDUSTRIALIST AND FORMER CHAIRMAN OF THE U.S. ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION, WON SENATE CONFIRMATION FOR THE CIA POST LATE YESTERDAY ON A 71-12 VOTE.

FORTY-THREE DEMOCRATS AND 28 REPUBLICANS JOINED IN APPROVING PRESIDENT KENNEDY'S CHOICE TO SUCCEED CIA CHIEF ALLEN DULLES WHO RETIRED LAST NOV. 29. TEN DEMOCRATS AND TWO REPUBLICANS--MARGARET CHASE SMITH OF MAINE AND FRANCIS CASE OF SOUTH DAKOTA--OPPOSED THE NOMINATION.

THE VOTE CAME AFTER THREE DAYS OF SPEECHES WHICH CENTERED MAINLY ON QUESTIONING WHETHER MCCONE'S HOLDINGS IN OIL AND SHIPBUILDING FIRMS MIGHT CREATE A CONFLICT OF INTEREST.

MCCONE, 60, A REPUBLICAN, HAS BEEN SERVING UNDER A RECESS APPOINTMENT SINCE NOVEMBER.

SEN. HUBERT H. HUMPHREY OF MINNESOTA, ASSISTANT SENATE DEMOCRATIC LEADER, SAID TODAY THE KENNEDY ADMINISTRATION WILL "MAKE A GREAT MISTAKE IF IT STRONGLY OPPOSES SETTING UP" A WATCHDOG COMMITTEE TO OVERSEE THE CIA.

KENNEDY TOLD A NEWS CONFERENCE YESTERDAY SHORTLY AFTER THE SENATE CONFIRMED MCCONE THAT CONGRESS DOES HAVE GROUPS WHICH "RECEIVE REPORTS AND CONFER AND EXERCISE SUPERVISION AT THE PRESENT TIME."

HE SAID THESE WERE IN ADDITION TO HIS OWN CONTROLS.

"I THINK IT IS UP TO ALL THOSE WHO HAVE CONTROL, AS WELL AS TO "MR. MCCONE AND THE MEMBERS OF THE CIA, TO ATTEMPT TO CARRY OUT THEIR FUNCTION IN THE WAY WHICH SERVES OUR INTERESTS," THE PRESIDENT ADDED.

BUT HUMPHREY SAID THE SENATE APPROVAL OF MCCONE DID NOT REFLECT "THE GROWING CONCERN ON CAPITOL HILL OVER THE LACK OF CONGRESSIONAL SUPERVISION OF THE CIA."

THE SENATOR SAID THE CONGRESSIONAL SUPERVISION TO WHICH KENNEDY REFERRED IS LIMITED TO "OCCASIONAL REPORTS TO TWO VERY LIMITED GROUPS, SMALL SENATE AND HOUSE SUBCOMMITTEES DRAWN FROM TOP MEMBERS OF THE APPROPRIATIONS AND ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEES."

"THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE AND THE HOUSE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE ARE NOT REPRESENTED ON THESE GROUPS," HUMPHREY SAID, "AND YET THE CIA'S ACTIVITIES DO INFLUENCE OUR FOREIGN AS WELL AS DEFENSE POLICY."

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